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Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0086.00  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Renato CARETTA )  
Application Serial No. 09/842,662 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
Filed: April 27, 2001 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL )  
AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING THE TYRE )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003. The items checked below are attached:

- Revised Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages);
- Petition for Extension of Time (one month) (1 page); and
- Check in the amount of \$110.00 (one-month extension fee).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 1, 2004

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